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John,  
I talked with Steve B the other day about seeding the topsoil pile and he mentioned that the contractor would seed possibly by the end of last week. Yesterday while I was at the site it did not look like they had seeded, yet.

I mentioned that there were very long stretches of ungouged areas - especially on the west side. I recommended that someone go out and shovel those areas.

The surface has had a chance to harden since you gouged a few weeks ago. Following the veg guidelines, it is BMP to gouge then immediately seed. If seeding is not possible within a day or so of gouging, then the area should be raked to refluff the soil just before seeding.

Fluffing of the soil surfaces increases the chance of seed sticking to the surface - irrespective of seeding method. Fluffing also provides freshly created crevices where seed may settle in an environment more suitable for germination. Rapid germination will help prevent wind erosion of the top soil pile.

When the contractor seeds, please make sure Steve B sends a fax of the seed tag to me.

Thanks for your time,

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